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- I. Increasingly bitter racial antagonisms and continued plotting by dissident political elements threaten widespread violence in Haiti.
  - A. Blacks, about 90 percent of population, long bitter against mulatto elite, which controls country's business and commerce.
    1. Recent period political instability (since Magloire's ouster last December) has heightened racial tensions.
  - B. On 22 September, Francois Duvalier (black) defeated Louis Bejoie (mulatto) in election apparently rigged by army.
    1. Post-election protests by Bejoie followers have led to strong persecution by government, and, in some instances, army action against mulattos in general.
    2. Army has wind up following killing of four black soldiers in post-election scuffle has and black majority in army continues pruning mulatto officers.
  - C. However, blacks in army also split between Duvalier followers and faction of ousted dictator Magloire and presidential candidate Clement Junelle, (who withdrew prior to election). Both of these men are blacks.
    1. Magloire-Junelle faction sees only chance of gaining power is creation sufficient division, disorder to cause breakdown current government.
    2. Activities of Bejoie followers--they attempted commercial lock-out 26 September, may have been responsible for death of four soldiers--contributing to general determination of

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